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MARK DOWNEY was born at Bear Haven, Ireland, December 16th, 1816, and died in Richmond, Va., May 20th, 1894. Mr. Downey first resided in New York after coming to this country, but in the winter of 1839-40 removed to Richmond, where he engaged in the feed and grocery business, in which he accumulated a large fortune, a very considerable part of which at his death he distributed among charitable institutions.

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FRANCIS HOWE MCGUIRE was born in Mecklenburg county, Virginia, on the 4th of June, 1850, and died October 30th, 1894. His father was Rev. Francis H. McGuire, the youngest of the three sons of Colonel William McGuire, of Winchester, all of whom were ministers in the Protestant Episcopal Church. His mother was Mary Willing Harrison, daughter of Benjamin Harrison, of Berkeley, grandson of Benjamin Harrison, signer of the Declaration of Independence. His grandfather, William McGuire, entered the army of the Revolution at thirteen, was disabled at Eutaw Springs at eighteen years of age, being then a lieutenant of artillery. Subsequently he was a member of the Virginia Legislature and the first Chief-Justice of the Mississippi Territory.

His father's death and the financial ruin produced by the late war left Mr. McGuire to complete his education as he could. He was able to finish his academic and professional courses at Randolph-Macon College and the University of Virginia, by teaching in the intervals between the periods of study, displaying as a boy that unflinching self-denial, that untiring energy and perseverance which distinguished him as a man.

He came to the bar in Richmond in 1875, encountering, in the beginning, the delays and disappointments that ordinarily beset the young practitioner. With rare manliness, concealing all trials from those who knew him best, he bore everything with unwavering resolution and with a singular devotion to the high principles of his profession. In due time he was recognized by his associates at the bar, and by the community in general, as a man destined to exhibit, in his own person, the highest type of the learned and honorable lawyer.

He died at forty-four, having been at the bar in Richmond nineteen years. No lawyer in recent years has, in so short a period, won a more honorable position, as shown by the extraordinary tribute paid to his memory by the Bar Association of Richmond at the time of his death. Had he lived the very highest honors of his profession would have sought him. Already he had frequently been urged to accept judicial office, which his conception of duty compelled him to decline.

Mr. McGuire not only kept his own escutcheon clean, but he was jealous for his brethren. In order that the ranks of the profession in his own State might contain no unworthy member, he proposed and

prosecuted the organization of the Bar Association of Virginia. His brother lawyers testify that this now flourishing and influential body owes its existence to his foresight, energy, persuasive tact, and rare executive ability.

The estimate in which he was held by the community in general is shown by his position in the Howitzer Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Society of the Alumni of the University of Virginia, the Virginia State Insurance Co., the Board of the Male Orphan Asylum, the Incorporators of the P. E. Church Home, the Directors of Peterkin Memorial Association, as Treasurer of the Church Fund of the Diocese, and in the Historical Society of Virginia.

On the 5th of November, 1886, Mr. McGuire married Miss Helen Nolting, daughter of the late Mr. E. O. Nolting, an honored citizen of Richmond and valued member of this Society. His wife and one daughter survive him; a brother in Halifax county and a brother and sister in Clarke are also living.

For years Mr. McGuire was a prominent member of the vestry of St. James' Church in Richmond, rendering the most conspicuous service, always modest, yet always ready with wise suggestion when called, and abundant in most effective labors in pursuance of plans devised for the advancement of the cause; highly esteemed in the general Council of the Diocese where he was repeatedly sent as her selected delegate; a faithful teacher in her Sunday-school, seeking the good of his class not only on the Sabbath but on other days as well; a most valuable officer in her Brotherhood of St. Andrew:—he was busy in every department of church work in which a layman could be employed.

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[NOTE—At the time the Magazine went to press we had been unable to obtain perfectly accurate details as to the life of Dr. William Henry Shield. A sketch of him will appear in the April number. ED.]